



SIGN UP NOW FOR BENEFITS FOR LIFE PLANS

The 2018 Benefits for Open Enrollment started March 12 and runs through March 30. Benefits for Life plans are optional benefits in which employees pay 100% of the cost of coverage. Such optional benefits include enhanced accident insurance, supplemental term life insurance and more.

NEW FOR 2018: MetLife will be the new provider of Supplemental Term Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance and Legal plans with new enhanced coverage limits. If you are currently enrolled in any of these plans, your coverage will automatically roll-

over effective May 1, 2108. No action is needed to keep your current coverage.

Eligible employees are encouraged to visit www.BenefitsforLife.org to review existing coverage, make changes, or enroll. Remember to select Register instead of Login when visiting the enrollment site as usernames and passwords from prior years are no longer valid. If you would like further information or prefer to enroll by phone, call the Benefits for Life Call Center at 888-825-8395, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- Information provided by MCSC

CHANGES COMING TO MCO MASS EMAIL SYSTEM

MCO is switching to a new mass email system, effective April 1. **All links in emails from MCO before April 1 may no longer work after that date. If you have links from our emails that you'd like to access in the future, please bookmark them now.** Remember, you can access KYI archives at <http://www.mco-seiu.org/publications/kyi/> and find lots of archived information by searching on our website.

appearance of our emails and website forms in the next few weeks, and you may possibly run into some technical difficulties. If you experience any issues, please report them to anita@mco-seiu.org.

We are doing prep work to ensure this transition goes smoothly, but we may not be able to anticipate every possible technical problem. That's why we ask that you report any issues as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience.

You may also notice changes in the

Prison dog training program helps corrections officer's family

CO Rick Benson and his wife, Ericka Benson, struggled for months to find a service dog for Ericka. That changed when CMO John Hassen, a fellow officer they met through MCO, introduced them to Stiggy's Dogs, a program that allows Michigan prisoners to train service animals.

[Watch to find out how their story unfolds!](#)



Now more than ever, it's important that all members stay connected with MCO. Sign up for text alerts now by texting MCO to 787753. Follow us:



BELLAMY CREEK CO PUNCHED WHILE SIGNING CALL-OUT SLIPS

An IBC prisoner punched an officer in the face March 6 in a Level IV segregation step-down unit.

The CO was standing next to a podium in the Unit 5 common area as inmates approached to get their call-out slips signed. One prisoner handed the CO his pass, and as the officer was signing it, the inmate punched him on the side of the face. The officer fell back, and the inmate punched him again. A nearby officer immediately stepped in, and another CO called for help on the radio.

The assaulted officer went to a hospital for treatment. Luckily, he only suffered bruising. The responding officer also went to a hospital for a shoulder injury.

The inmate was transferred to another prison. Officers said it may have been gang related.

Corrections officers can be assaulted at any time. Be especially cautious when your hands are busy, and always stay near your partner. Great work to the officer who immediately intervened in this assault.

Stay safe.

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